

REMARKS

This paper is responsive to any paper(s) indicated above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND FORM PTO-1449 OR SB/08 LISTING REFERENCE(S) CITED IN FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)

Submitted herewith under separate cover letter is an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) together with Form(s) PTO-1449 or SB/08 listing reference(s) for Examiner initialing to make such art of record in the present application, such IDS being resultant from art cited in a related foreign application(s).

PRIOR ALLOWANCE

Prior allowance of the present application is respectfully noted. The present RCE has been filed (rather than Issue Fee payment) in order to gain consideration of art cited within in a related foreign application(s), and/or to further clarify Applicant's claimed invention.

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 10-18 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 10-18 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

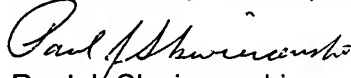
This Amendment is being submitted concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and does not present any changes which would require further search, consideration or fees. Entry and approval of the minor corrections made herein are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR '1.136. Authorization is herein given to charge any shortage in the fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.43169X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Based upon all of the foregoing, allowance of all presently-pending claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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